To the Honorable Members of the Illinois House of Representatives 93rd General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 497, entitled "AN ACT concerning state finance." I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation. However, House Bill 497 addresses the same fiscal concerns as a portion of Public Act 93-0032, which I signed on June 20, 2003.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 497.

Sincerely,

ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH Governor